

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health of:**

Irene and Dean on their 39th anniversary, offered by the Inferrera family.

Readings:

I Corinthians 16:13-24 (*13th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Matthew 21:33-42 (*13th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Steph'anas were the first converts in Acha'ia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Steph'anas and Fortuna'tus and Acha'icus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aq'uila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Lord said, "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Saturday service:

Vespers – 6:30 PM

(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)

(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School

Church School will begin on October 6th. All classes will meet every Sunday.

Grades 4-8 – 9:30 am

Preschool and Grades K through 3 – immediately after communion.

Parents of church school students are asked to stop by the candle stand to fill out a registration form (new students) or use the sign-up sheet (returning students).

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- The parish is happy to announce that His Eminence, **Archbishop Michael will visit our parish Saturday, September 28th for Vespers at 6:30 pm and on Sunday September 29th for Divine Liturgy.** During the Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Michael will ordain Subdeacon Edward Dawson to the Holy Diaconate.
- **After Vespers on September 28th, a light supper will be served in our community room.** Everyone planning on attending the supper is asked to RSVP as soon as possible by signing up on the sheet at the candle stand.
- **On Sunday September 29th we will be celebrating after the Liturgy with a luncheon at Cousin Mario's restaurant in Mays Landing.** Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 per person, \$11 for children 6 through 9, children 5 and under are free. **All tickets need to be purchased by September 22nd.** **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Please see Tammy Zimmerman or Linda Dantine for tickets.

Reminders:

- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/9/15>

*You defeated error and triumphed in martyrdom,
Nicetas, namesake of victory;
for you conquered the ranks of the enemy
and ended your contest by fire.
Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!*

Tone 3 Troparion (Greatmartyr Nicetas)

*You stood firm and defeated delusion
and have received your martyr's crown, Nicetas, namesake of victory;
you are rejoicing with the Angels,
together with them you are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.*

Tone 2 Kontakion (Greatmartyr Nicetas)

*As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!*

Tone 4 Kontakion Elevation of the Cross Elevation of the Cross

TROPARION (pl., **TROPARIA**) - A short hymn sung after the small entrance at Divine Liturgy. For Sundays the subject is the Holy Resurrection; a different Troparion for each of the Eight Tones. Every feast has its particular Troparion describing the event or the virtues of the saint. It is one of the oldest titles used in the Orthodox Church for a particular piece of composed hymnography. In Greek the word means "a sign of victory" or a "way of life" and in general implies that the composed hymn is a succinct summary of the event or saintly person being celebrated in the Church. As a title, Troparion can be applied to virtually any composed hymn used in Orthodox worship. Present use, however, usually limits it to the hymn sung after the Lord's Prayer at Vespers, after "God is the Lord" at Matins, and after the Little Entrance at the Divine Liturgy. It also denotes the hymns that follow the **Irmos** in the ode of a canon.

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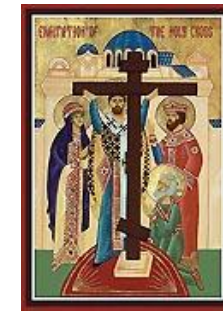
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Glory to Jesus
Christ

Glory
Forever

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the
Cross

*O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance.
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries.
And by virtue of Your Cross,
preserve Your habitation.*

Troparion – Tone 1

Today the Church remembers:

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross • Sunday after Elevation • Greatmartyr Nicetas (Nikita) the Goth (ca. 372) • Uncovering of the Relics of St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (3rd c.) • Martyrs Theodotus, Asclepiodotus, and Maximus, of Adrianopolis (305-311) • Martyr Porphyrius the Actor (361) • Uncovering of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (415) • St. Philotheus the Presbyter, in Asia Minor (10th c.) • Ven. Joseph, Abbot, of Alaverdsk in Georgia (570) • St. Joseph the New of Partos, Metropolitan of Timisoara (1656).

September 15, 2019

13th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Tone 4 of the Octoechos